



123rd Open Meeting Tuesday 12th March 2024

Programme

10.00 Welcome from Giles Webber, Chair & Rebecca Cooper, Executive Director

Update on the work of Association of Dogs and Cats Homes.

10.30 Update on Legislation

Update from ADCH Legislative Committee, include latest on American Bully XL and visits from parliamentary candidates.

11.00 Mastering Challenging Conversations Workshop, Jo Stone, Stepping Stones Coaching

Most of us do not enjoy having difficult conversations. But they are an inevitable part of our work life. And how we handle those conversations can transform relationships and the culture of organisations.

From conversations with the public to a colleague, from managing volunteers to managing upwards - mastering challenging conversations can help us to overcome the fear we feel at the prospect of it.

This is an interactive workshop and looks at how to turn those difficult conversations and relationships into really positive and collaborative opportunities. Jo shares a fantastic Challenging Conversations Model and you will put it into practice during the session.

12.00 Screen break

12.10 Let's talk Adopter Screening Processes

A panel discussion on the latest research on potential adopter screening processes and rehoming procedures in rehoming organisations. Members can read the paper in advance [here](#) as we will have 30 minutes for questions for the panel.

The panel will consist of Lindsay Hamrick, Director of Shelter Outreach and Engagement at the Humane Society of the United States, Caroline Yon, Head of Animal Welfare at Oak Tree Animals' Charity and Laura Foster, Associate Director of Rehoming at Dogs Trust.

13:10 Updates from Sponsors

13:20 Updates from Members

13.30 Close